

Richard Shorman**Chess****TOUGH, SHARP FIGHT**

White: Boris Spassky. Black: Robert Fischer.

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Sicilian Defense

1 P-K4	P-QB4	23 P-K5?(e)	PxP
2'N-KB3	P-Q3	24 PxP	B-KR1(f)
3 P-Q4	PxP	25 N-B3	R-Q1
4 NxP	N-KB3	26 RxRch(g)	RxR
5 N-QB3	P-QR3	27 N-KN5?(h)	BxP
6 B-KN5	P-K3	28 QxP	R-Q2
7 P-B4	B-K2	29 QxRP?(i)	BxN
8 Q-B3	Q-B2	30 PxB	Q-N3ch
9 0-0-0	QN-Q2	31 K-B1	Q-R4
10 B-Q3	P-N4	32 Q-R8ch	K-R2
11 KR-K1	B-N2	33 P-QR4	N-Q6ch
12 Q-N3!(a)	0-0-0	34 BxN	RxB
13 BxN	NxB(b)	35 K-B2	R-Q4?(j)
14 QxP	QR-B1	36 R-K4!	R-Q1(k)
15 Q-N3	P-N5	37 Q-N7	Q-KB4
16 N-R4	KR-N1(c)	38 K-N3	Q-Q4ch?(l)
17 Q-B2	N-Q2	39 K-R3(m)	Q-Q7
18 K-N1	K-N1	40 R-QN4	Q-B8ch
19 P-B3	N-B4	41 R-N2	Q-R8ch
20 B-B2	PxP(d)	42 R-R2	Q-B8ch
21 NxBP	B-KB3	43 R-N2	Q-R8ch
22 P-KN3	P-KR4	44 Drawn	

(Condensed notes by international grandmaster Viktor Korchnoi, translated from "64," No. 34, Aug. 25-31, 1972.)

(a) Leads to the win of a pawn.

(b) Or 13 . . . BxB (13 . . . PxP 14 Q-N7 QR-B1 15 NxKP) 14 BxP!, and 14 . . . PxP loses to 15N-4xNP, 16NxPch and 17 P-K5.

(c) It has been suggested that 16 . . . Q-R4 17 P-N3 N-R4 18 Q-B2 NxP recovers the pawn with a good game for Black, but 19 BxP! BxB (19 . . . QxB 20 QxN KR-N1 21 Q-B2, and Black lacks sufficient compensation for the pawn, e.g., 21 . . . R-N5? 22 N-KB5, with complications favoring White) 20 N-B6 B-N4 21 Q-R7 Q-N4 22 N-N6ch QxN 23 N-K7ch! (23 QxQ? N-Q4ch) BxN 24 QxQ N-K7ch (or 24 . . . B-N2 25 P-N3 N-N3 26 R-Q4 P-Q4 27 PxP BxP 28 RxP PxR 29 Q-B6ch with a decisive attack) 25 RxN BxR 26 R-Q4, and Black's position is indefensible.

(d) And not 20 . . . NxN 21 BxN PxP because of 22 R-QB1! Q-R4 (22 . . . Q-B5 23 N-B6ch BxN 24 Q-N6ch B-N2 25 RxP QxB 26 R-B7) 23 B-B6.

(e) Trying to cramp Black's minor pieces this way costs White almost all his advantage. Correct is 23 R-K3! (Keres) P-R5 24 N-N3 PxP 25 PxP BxN?! 26 RxB NxP 27 BxN BxBch 28 K-B1 Q-R2 (28 . . . R-B1 29 Q-Q4! Q-Q2 30 N-B5!) 29 QxQch KxQ 30 RxP with good winning chances.

(f) After 24 . . . BxP 25 N-4-N5 PxN 26 NxP BxP 27 PxP Q-N3 28 P-QR4 White stands much better.

(g) White keeps a small edge with 25 Q-K3 (26 . . . RxRch 27 BxR!).

(h) A weak move that gives Black equality. Spassky probably saw 27 . . . BxP 28 RxB? QxR 29 NxBP and overlooked the simple reply, 29 R-KB1. Black still has a difficult time drawing after 27 R-K3!, however, as White threatens 28 N-KN5 or 28 Q-K2 followed by N-K4.

(i) Now White should hold the draw with 29 Q-K8ch R-Q1 (29 . . . K-R2 30 NxP! or 29 . . . B-B1 30 N-5-K4 NxN 31 NxN Q-N3 32 B-N3 P-R4 33 QxRP) 30 Q-B7.

(j) A more convincing way to win is 35 . . . R-Q1 36 Q-K5 (36 Q-R4 B-B3, threatening 37 . . . BxPch) QxRPch 37 K-N1 (37 K-B1 Q-R8ch 38 K-B2 Q-R7ch 39 K-B1 Q-Q7ch 40 K-N1 R-Q4) R-Q4, and Black's attack cannot be stopped.

(k) If 36 . . . RxN, then 37 Q-Q4ch and 38 RxP should draw. But 36 . . . B-B3 has correctly been pointed out as stronger than Fischer's textmove: I. 37 K-N3 RxN; II. 37 R-QN4 BxPch 38 K-N2 R-Q7ch 39 K-B1 R-Q8ch 40 K-N2 B-N4 41 Q-N7ch K-N3; III. 37 N-B3 BxPch 38 K-N2 R-Q8 39 Q-N7ch BQ2 40 R-Q4 Q-N4ch 41 K-R2 Q-K7ch 42 K-R3 R-R8ch 43 K-N3 R-N8ch 44 K-R3 Q-N7mate.

(l) Essential for the win is 38 . . . K-R1, since 39 Q-K5 loses to piece to 39 . . . R-KN1, while any retreat of the rook from K4 allows Black's attack to proceed victoriously.

(m) At last the white king has found safe haven.

SAN LEANDRO TOURNAMENT RESULTS

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